

**WHITE OAK FEDERAL RESEARCH CENTER  
U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS  
CHILD CARE CENTER**

Montgomery County, MD

Submitted by the General Services Administration

*Delegated Action of the Executive Director*

January 28, 2010

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of a 21,000 square-foot child care center at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Headquarters at the White Oak Federal Research Center in Montgomery County, MD, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3104.00(38.00)42944.

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The General Services Administration has requested preliminary and final approval of site and building plans for a child care center at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Consolidation at the White Oak Federal Research Center in Montgomery County, MD. The proposal includes a 21,000 square-foot child care center for 170 children, ranging from infancy to school age. The building faces west and consists of two wings, which contain individual classrooms. The shared facilities and the center's administrator are located centrally where the two wings connect. Each classroom will have access to the outside, which will be enclosed with a fence. The main façades of the building are brick with punched windows. Corrugated metal panels and wood siding are used as accents. Several playgrounds will accommodate different age groups. The center will also have a short wall, 30 inches in height to enclose the front lawn as well as boulders for perimeter security.

The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the recently adopted FDA Master Plan.

GSA submitted a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement with a Record of Decision dated September 4, 2009 that includes the child care center. As this project is in the

environs, NCPC is advisory and does not have an independent NEPA responsibility for the project.

GSA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Maryland Historic Trust concerning the historic Building 1 on the FDA White Oak Campus. This project will not affect Building 1 or its viewshed. As this project is in the environs, NCPC is advisory and does not have an independent Section 106 responsibility for the project.

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Executive Director